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SUBJECT: KOMSOMOL FIRST SECRETARY VISIT TO U.S.

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH SENIOR CYO OFFICIALS INAYEV AND FILIPPOV
DEC. 23 TO DISCUSS TYAZHEL'NIKOV VISIT TO THE U.S. INAYEV
SAID TYAZHEL'NIKOV APPRECIATED THE AMERICAN INVITATION, AND
WOULD BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT IT FOR A VISIT OF 10-14 DAYS IN
THE SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY. HE UNFORTUNATELY COULD NOT FIT
INTO HIS SCHEDULE AN EARLIER (OR LONGER) PERIOD.

2. TYAZHEL'NIKOV WOULD LIKE TO BRING ALONG TWO ASSISTANTS
AND HIS OWN INTERPRETER, INAYEV SAID. EMBOFF NOTED PER REFTEL
THAT OUR INVITATION COULD INCLUDE THE TWO ASSISTANTS, BUT
THAT DEPARTMENT ORDINARILY PROVIDED ESCORT/INTERPRETER. WE
WOULD REPORT TYAZHEL'NIKOV'S REQUEST BUT DOUBTED AN EXCEPTION
COULD BE MADE. COMMENT. WE ALSO SEE NO PARTICULAR REASON
TO MAKE SUCH AN EXCEPTION IN THIS CASE. DEPT. PLEASE ADVISE.
END COMMENT.

3. INAYEV REPORTED THAT TYAZHEL'NIKOV SAW NO PROBLEMS
WITH GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHEDULE OUTLINED REFTEL.
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TYAZHEL'NIKOV WAS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH LEADERS OF
AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND STUDENTS, VISITING
AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND OBSERVING,
IF POSSIBLE, RUSSIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.
BUT HE WOULD LEAVE DETAILS TO THE AMERICAN HOSTS, WHO
"WERE VERY GOOD AT ORGANIZING INTERESTING VISITS."

TYAZHEL'NIKOV WOULD BE PREPARED DURING HIS STAY IN THE U.S. TO GRANT A FEW INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS TO THE NEWS MEDIA ON SUBJECTS RELATING TO THE VISIT, BUT DID NOT WANT TO HOLD A FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED. AS WE HAVE NOTED IN EARLIER MESSAGES, THE TYAZHEL'NIKOV VISIT STRIKES US AS A VERY USEFUL ONE. GIVEN THE GENERAL NATURE OF INAYEV'S REPLY TO DEPT'S PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC SCHEDULE PROPOSALS TO ADD. WE HAVE ASKED CYO FOR NAMES AND PARTICULARS OF SOVIET PARTICIPANTS SOONEST, AND WILL REPORT WHEN WE GET THEM. MEANWHILE, WE (AND TYAZHEL'NIKOV) WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY DEPT. REPLY ON TIMING AND SCHEDULE SPECIFICS, IN ADDITION TO FORMAL ADVISORY ON HIS REQUEST TO INCLUDE HIS OWN INTERPRETER IN THE GROUP. MATLOCK

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